GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:241
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RAILWAY TOUR PACKAGE IN RESPECT OF VARIOUS STATES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received any proposal of tour package from various State Governments including Himachal Pradesh, to be implemented in their States with their help and coordination;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Railways thereto; and

(d) the details of the facilities to be provided to the tourists under the said tour package?

Answer

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(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 241 BY PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30/08/2007 REGARDING RAILWAY TOUR PACKAGE IN RESPECT OF VARIOUS STATES.

(a) to (d): This Ministry have received proposals for tour packages, in the form of running luxury tourist trains from some State Governments. Railway is already operating 'Palace on Wheels', 'Heritage on Wheels' and 'Fairy Queen' tourist train packages in Rajasthan sector and 'Deccan Odyssey' in Maharashtra sector.Further, a 2nd 'Palace on Wheels' train in Rajasthan sector and also a luxury tourist train in Karnataka sector have been planned for introduction. Similarly, a proposal for luxury tourist train in collaboration with Punjab & Andhra Pradesh Governments has also been received. A Buddhist tourist train & Bharat Darshan (Village on Wheels) train is being run by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). These trains offer a complete luxury tour package including boarding and lodging, transport, guided sightseeing, etc.Further, a number of package tour programmes have been introduced by IRCTC on various sectors. IRCTC has planned to introduce package tour to Himachal Pradesh covering Barog, Shimla, Shilon Bagh, Nahan, etc. from September,2007.